ಆ ತೊಂದರೆಯನ್ನು ನಿವಾರಿಸಲೆಂದು ಈ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತರುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಅದೇ ಏರಿಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಜಾಗ ನೋಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೊಸ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಕಟ್ಟಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಕೂರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಜಾಗ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಭರವಸೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಧರ್ಮಸಿಂಗ್.—ಅದನ್ನು ಕೂಡ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ೧.೫೮ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಅಂದಾಜನ್ನು ಕೂಡ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಬೇರೆ ಸಿದ್ಧತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಹ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗದಂತೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Removal of the Statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

285 SRI A. LAKSHMI SAGAR (Chickpet).—Will the Minister for Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there was agitation, including a bundh by the State Protection Committee in Shorapur of Gulbarga District for construction of a Mosque in the heart of the town at the place where a statue of Sardar Patel had been installed;

(b) whether the Government had issued an order sanctioning Rs. 5 lakhs for the removal of the statue and building Mosque at that place inspite of an earlier decision during 1953 against construction of the Mosque;

(c) if so, the reasons for the present decision?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD (Minister for Heath and Family Welfare).—

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (b) of the question.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—Sir, for question (a), the answer is 'Yes', namely, there was an agitation including a bundh by the State Protection Committee in Shorapur of Gulbarga District for construction of a Mosque in the heart of the town at the place where a statue of Sardar Patel had been installed I would like to know from the Hon. Minister for Health, why did they agitated and called for a Bundh?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—Sir, during the year 1948, there were commotions and tensions among different communities for taking up the construction of a Mosque in Chowk area of Shorapur. That was the reason for agitation and also for calling a Bundh.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—Is there no dispute about the construction of the Mosque at a place where the statue of Sardar Patel is installed?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—There is a dispute. The Government has taken a decision to change the place for a Mosque. We have issued the Government Order in 1980 and the operative portion of the decision of the Government reads thus:—

(a) to provide a suitable plot to the Muslims of Shorapur for the construction of new Mosque with a Shopping Complex in lieu of the site on which the Chowk Mosque was in existence;

(b) payment of compensation of Rs. 5 lakhs for the construction of Mosque (new) in the place of destroyed mosque,

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—I would like to know from the Hon. Minister, whether the place where the statue stands is displaced or is going to be displaced by virtue of this Government Order?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—We have taken a decision to convert the Chowk Mosque into a Public Park without allowing any particular community or organisation whatsoever to hold any religious or political gatherings there.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—I would like to know from the Hon. Minister for Health, whether the statue of Sri Sardar Vallabhai-Patel is still there or removed? I would also like to know from him, when the statue was installed; what was the cost and who inaugurated it?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—As per the Government's decision, the entire Chowk area is to be kept away from this communal tension. It shold not become a place of hatred between one community and another. From that point of view, to bring communal harmony and to see that all communities live in peace and tranquility, certain action is taken by the Government, it is in the interest of keeping peace in the area.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Sir, we are absolutely one with the decision of the Government in maintaining communal harmony. We agree that all communities should live in peace and tranquility in that area. Everybody is interested in it. But, Sardar Patel, a great National leader worked for the unity and for the freedom. Therefore, if the statue of Sardar Patel is removed, it would hurt the feelings of all Indians. Therefore, I would only like to know from the Hon. Minister for Health, whether the statue of Sardar Patel is removed or is going to be removed by virtue of this Government Order?

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—We would like to know as to whether the status is there or removed by virtue of this Government order or going to be removed ?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—There is no mention in the Government order as to the removal of the statue.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Members wants to know the factual position. Whether the status is there or not ?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—We are not going to shift the statue if it is there in existence.

SRI C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—I have asked as to when the statue was erected. The Government order was issued in the year 1980. When the statue was erected and who inaugurated it ?

MR. SPEAKER.—The hon'ble Member would like to know as to when the statue was erected and who inaugurated it ?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—I do not have those details. The statue is there and it is not going to be shifted. Since there was tension, we did not want to build the Mosque there. In a place of worship there should not be commotions or hatred etc., We have been persuading the local people by our Government order to have a new Mosque constructed in a place other than the chowk. That means to say that the statue of our great leader Sardar Vallabhai Patel whom we respect and keep in high esteem will not be dislodged and it will continue to be there. Regarding other details as to when it was inaugurated and who inaugurated etc., I do not have ready details right now.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್.—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೆ, ಸರ್ದಾರ್ ಪಟೇಲರು ಕೋಮು ಶಕ್ತಿ ಪ್ರತೀಕವೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವೇ? ಅವರ ಪ್ರತಿಮೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಕೋಮು ಶಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಚೋದನೆ ಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ, ಅದು ಅಲ್ಲಿರಬಾರದು ಎಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡಿದೆಯೆಂಬ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಕೋಮು ಶಕ್ತಿಯ ಪ್ರತೀಕವೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ? ಹಾಗಿಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಲಿ.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Minister did not say that.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್.—ಅವರು ಹೇಳುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಅವರ ಪ್ರತಿಮೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಗೆಹಾಕಿ, ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ಮಸೀದಿಯನ್ನೂ ಕೂಡ ಬೇರೆ ಕಡೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಆ ಜಾಗವನ್ನು, ಪಾರ್ಕಿಗಾಗಿ ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕೇ ನಾನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Minister never said it also. The statue is there.

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—Sir, the high esteem with which we see our great leader Sardar Vallabhai Patel irrespective of caste and community is not disputed. But whether this statue will be dislodged from the place, is the question. As I have already stated, the status is not going to be dislodged. The local people who wanted the Mosque in the same place have been persuaded by the Government to see that their place of worship be shifted to some other place. So, that place is going to be converted into a public park without allowing any particular community or organisation to hold any religious gathering there. But the statue remains as it is.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ರಾಮಭಟ್.—ಸರ್ದಾರ್ ಪಟೇಲರ ಪ್ರತಿಮೆಯನ್ನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದು ತಪ್ಪು ಎಂದೂ ಇದನ್ನು ತೆಗೆಯಬೇಕೆಂದು ಚಳುವಳಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರು ಯಾರು? ಅಂತಹವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಇಂಟರ್‌ನಲ್ ಸೆಕ್ಯೂರಿಟಿ ಆಕ್ಟ್ ಹೇರಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಒಳಗೆ ಹಾಕಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—Let us not go into the post mortem of the issue. When we are thinking of bringing communal harmony and unity, to re-open it again is not a right thing. We want to have communal harmony and reduce the tension and commotion.

AN HON'BLE MEMBER.—Who created the tension ?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—That is a different issue and that question does not arise now.

SR A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—Sir, I am sorry to say that the Hon'ble Minister ought not to have brought this into discussion. My question is very simple. Whether or not the statue was removed or going to be removed. The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that the statue is not going to be removed. Very good. But the explanation he offered to give is not satisfactory. The impression given by him is that the existence or the continuance of the existence of the statue of Sardar Vallabhai Patel caused communal tension. That is the impression he gave in unmistakable terms, I am sorry.

MR. SPEKER—He did not say that.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR.—That is what he said. He said that the chowk should be kept free from political tension, religious tension...

SRI A.K. ABDUL SAMAD —I have made it clear that in 1948 there was some tension in that area Keeping that in view the Government issued an order in 1979 and the following three steps were taken up. I will read them once again.

a) To provide suitable plot to the muslims of Shorapur for the construction of new Mosque that a shopping complex in lieu of the site on which the Chowk Mosque was in existence ;

b) Payment of compensation of Rs. 5 lakhs for the construction of new Mosque in the place of destroyed Mosque ;

c) Converting the Chowk Mosque into a public park without allowing any particular community or organisation what so ever to hold any religious and political gatherings there.

And subsequently this was modified which we have restored.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM.—Subsequent to the Government order, what are the actions taken to implement that Government order and how far it stands ? What is the progress made ? What is the amount spent and the work carried out ?

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD —This order was modified subsequently, but again we have restored the same Government order by a new Government order of 31-8-81. We are now going to take action.

SRI A. LAKSHMI SAGAR,—What is the nature of the order of modification ?

SRI A.K. ABDUL SAMAD.—The same order was restored.

SRI A. LAKSHMI SAGAR.—Sir, there are two parts in the question (b) Whether the Government issued an order sanctioning Rs. 5 lakhs for the removal of the statue is the question and the answer is no. And the second part, building Mosque at that place inspite of an earlier decision during 1953 against construction of the Mosque-to this also, the answer is no. Which is correct ? Sanctioning of Rs. 5 lakhs is admitted. How carelessly the answers are given;

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD.—Sir, I will make it once again clear. To the question(a) as to whether there was agitation we have said Yes. To the question(b) whether the Government have sanctioned Rs. 5 lakhs for the removal of the statue, we have said no. We have not sanctioned and the Government Order which I read is not in respect of the removal of the statue, or constructing Mosque in the place where there is dispute. The people wanted a Mosque to be built there for which the Government said that a different place will be provided and for that the Government would like to give Rs. 5 lakhs. With all responsibility we have given the answers and the answers are correct. The hon'ble Members need not have any apprehension.

Working of Apex Banks in Karnataka

3 5 SRI L. T. THIMMAPPA HEGDE (Sagar).—Will the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of Co-operative Apex Institutions in the state, and their aims and objects (separate details may be furnished);

(b) whether there are any directors who are defaulters to these institutions (details may be furnished);

(c) the number of directors appointed by the Government to these institutions;

(d) the steps taken by the Government, if these directors are defaulters ?

SRI H. C. SRIKANTAIAH (Minister for Co-operation).—

(a) The details of aims and objects in respect of 17 Co-operative Apex Societies are given in the Statement-I which is laid on the Table of the House.